(d) if so, what action is feeing taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFBR SABHA): (a) to (d) Tanda is not a station and' no trains stop there. There was a demand for opening of a halt station at Tanda village between Ram-nagar and Pirumadara stations. This proposal has been exmiaed, but found not justified either financially, due to meagre traffic prospects, or on passenger amenity grounds as the area ie well served; with rbad services.

Intrwhict'on of new trains for Andhra Pradesh

532. SHRl YERRA NARAYANASAMY; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans to introduce new trains in Andhra Pradesh in 1995-96;

(b) if so the details of new trains under consideration for 1995-96; and

(c) whether S.C. Railway will consider introducing a late night exprsss train between Hyderabad-Rajahmundry?

THE MINISTER OP RAILWAYS (SHRI C. KV JA.FFER SHARIEF): *(a)* and (b) Now trains being introduced serving Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96 includa: —

1. Tirupati-Bombay Express (Bi-weekely)

2. Tirupati-Cuddapah Express

3; Nagorcoil-Bombay Express (Weekly} (via Dharmavaram-Wedi

4. Puri-Ahmedabd Express 'Weekly) (via Vizionagaram-Rai-pur)

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Track fracture in South camical Railway

533 SHRl YERRA NARAYANA. SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS he pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rail track from Vijayawada to Samal not in South Central Railway; has been frequently identtted as prone to "track fracture"; '

(b) whether it is also a fact that no steps have been taken. to reduce the occurrence of track fracur in this sector; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to rectify this problem?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Necessary steps e.g. ultrasonic flaw detection of rails and replacement of defective rails have been taken to reduce the incidence of rail fractures all over Indian Railways including this sector.

(c) Does not arise.

Non punctuality of South Central Express Trains

534. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) wiether it is a fact that Ex-press- trains in South Central Rail way are not maintaining punctuality;

(b) if so, what is the punctuality record of 'Gowthami Express' in recent times; and

(c) what. steps Government propose it properly monitor the propsr running of Expres trains in South Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. KT. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Mail|Express trains in